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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced today the unsealing of an indictment returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Madison, Wisconsin, on December 7, 2005. The indictment charged Sergio Hernandez, 39, Madison, with six counts of unauthorized use of another person's social security number and one count of using a false Permanent Resident Alien Card. If convicted, the defendant faces a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each of the seven counts.

The indictment alleges that in January 2001, Hernandez used an alias of "Angel Felix Byron" with a social security number not assigned to Hernandez, while he worked at Bagels Forever in Madison, Wisconsin. In April 2005, the defendant used the name of Sergio Hernandez with a social security number and Permanent Resident Alien card, neither of which belonged to the defendant, while he worked at Rocky Rococo Pizza in Madison, Wisconsin.

Hernandez was arrested on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, in Madison, Wisconsin. He appeared in U.S. District Court in Madison and was detained pending a detention hearing set for December 20, 2005, at 11:00 a.m. The trial has been set for April 3, 2006 in U.S. District Court in Madison, Wisconsin, before Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B.

Crabb.

The charges against the defendant are the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department, and the Social Security Administration - Office of Investigations. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J.

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You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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